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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed November 25, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 25, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper, **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5, and the **Remarks** begin on page 6.